IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT
**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY**
**WRIT PETITION NO : 23515 of 2006**

**Dated 10th November, 2006**

**Between**

Sandeep Kolikapudi

....Petitioner

and

The Registrar, JNTU, Kukatpally, Hyderabad and ors.

....Respondents.

**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY**

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**ORDER:**

The petitioner, who is a student of engineering course, has filed this Writ Petition seeking Writ of Mandamus, to declare the action of the respondents in detaining him from appearing the IV year First Semester examinations as illegal and arbitrary.

It is the case of the petitioner that as he suffered with viral fever, he has put in the attendance of 21% in the first semester IV year engineering course.

As per the academic regulations framed by the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, a minimum attendance of 75% is required to acquire the eligibility to write examinations.

However, the Academic Committee can condone the shortage of attendance in aggregate upto 10%. Therefore, even to seek condonation of shortage in attendance, one must have put in the attendance of not below 65%. In a similar matter, a Division Bench of this Court in the case of *M.Sunil Chakravarthy Vs. Principal Sreekalahasteeswara*[1] has considered this aspect and held that no direction by way of Mandamus can be issued contrary to the regulations framed by the University to condone the shortage of attendance, in case a candidate puts in less than 65% of attendance, and, permit him/her to write examinations. It is submitted by the learned Counsel for the petitioner that though some other candidates who are in the list of detention were permitted to appear for the examination, he was not permitted. But, it is not known under what circumstance the said candidates were permitted to appear for the examinations. However, as it is not disputed that the petitioner has put in less than 65% attendance, I do not find any valid ground for issuance of directions as sought for.

The Writ Petition is devoid of merits and the same is accordingly dismissed at the admission stage. No order as to costs.

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*JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY*

DATE: 10-11-2006.
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[1] 2005(1)ALD 253 (DB)